GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1381
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2004
SKY BUS PROJECTS IN DELHI AND MUMBAI
Gadakh Shri Tukaram Gangadhar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal of Sky Bus Project in Mumbai and Delhi has been submitted to the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Konkan Railway is coordinating with all the concerned for giving a shape to this project;

(d) if so, the financial outlay and details of the Government and private share in the project;

(e) whether the project will be beneficial to reduce traffic congestion in these two cities;

(f) whether sky bus project is cheaper than other means of transport system; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (g) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1381 BY SHRI TUKARAM GANGADHAR GADAKH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2004 REGARDING SKY BUS PROJECTS IN DELHI AND MUMBAI.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): For Mumbai, Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) had proposed to the Government of Maharashtra for implementation of Sky Bus Metro along 9 routes aggregating to a length of 84.2 kms at the approximate cost of Rs.4587 crores. For Delhi, Konkan Railway Corporation Limited had proposed to the Government of Delhi for implementation of Sky Bus Metro along 9 routes aggregating to a length of 124.9 kms at an estimated cost of Rs.6620.9 crores.

(c): Konkan Railway Corporation Limited is waiting for response from the concerned State Governments and Ministry of Urban Development.

(d): Does not arise.

(e) & (f): Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has constituted a Committee in December 2003 under the Chairmanship of Shri E.V. Indiresan to examine the feasibility of establishing and operating sky bus metro service in Indian cities. The terms of reference of this Committee are as under:

i) To examine the techno-economic and financial feasibility of the Sky Bus Metro system.
ii) To ascertain the safety of the system
iii) To critically evaluate novel system component, such as suspended rail technology, traversing systems, etc.
iv) To critically evaluate the integration of different technologies.
v) Any other matter considered relevant by the Committee.

Report of this Committee is still awaited. Issues regarding the reduction in traffic congestion and cost of transport shall be decided once the report of the above Committee is received.

(g): Does not arise.